

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Jannetta Coats

FROM: Paula Flores-Gregg, Pamela Houston and LaTonya Sanders

SUBJECT: Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

COUNTY: Jefferson

DATE: 9/12/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

- Participated in the morning command brief.
- Met as a team to strategize divide tasks.
- Met with Port Arthur Health Department:
 - Martha Simien, Epidemiologist
 - Judith Smith, Health Director
 - Lacy Brown, Senior Sanitarian
 - Provided approved fact sheets, brochures and tip sheets on jump drive to print and have available for residents visiting the health department.
 - Suggested to add information to their website.
 - Relayed citizen concerns (housing, mold, indoor air quality, household waste, flood cleanup, cleaning kits)
 - Offered assistance in distributing information throughout the community
 - Asked about other information networks we could connect with
 - Inquired about best ways to disseminate information (social media, radio station) and to various communities including (African-American, Hispanic and Vietnamese)
 - Suggested to post a tip-a-day on healthy homes/flood cleanup on their Facebook page
 - Received contacts for other county/city departments:
 - Jefferson County Health Department
 - Jefferson County Environmental Health Department (covers the unincorporated areas that have well water and septic tanks)
 - American Red Cross, Natalie Warren (cleaning supplies)

- Beaumont Health Director/Assistant Director

- Made contact/Scheduling meetings with:
 - Jefferson County Health Department
 - Jefferson County Environmental Health Department (covers the unincorporated areas that have well water and septic tanks)
 - American Red Cross, Natalie Warren (cleaning supplies)
 - City of Beaumont Health Director/Assistant Health Director
 - Port Arthur Minority Chamber of Commerce
 - Jefferson County Emergency Management Office
 - Contact for Vietnamese community

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Seeking approval to share: “Help Yourself to a Healthy Home” and “Safer Alternatives to Household Cleaning.”

https://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/library/hhi/HYHH_Booklet.pdf

http://www.childrensmercy.org/Content/uploadedFiles/Departments/Allergy_Asthma_Immunology/Asthma/Safer%20Cleaning%202004%20in%205%200.pdf

- May need to consider additional “healthy schools” support.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- City of Port Arthur has requested outreach materials translated in Vietnamese.